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Supply of fuel to the public of Kollegal Taluk — Scarcity and high prices prevailing — remedies requested.			

C. VIRUPAKSHIAH, B.A., B.L., M.L.A.,
MEMBER OF THE SENATE, MADRAS UNIVERSITY.

MUDIGUNDAM P. O.,
KOLLEGAL,
D/31st March 1955

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SECRETARIAT 2 APR 1955 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

The Hon'ble Minister for Forests,
Government of Madras, Madras.

Sir,

Sub; Supply of fuel to the public of Kollegal Taluk- scarcity and high prices prevailing -- remedies requested.

FIRE ASSISTANT SECRETARY 2-APR 1955 2-6-332 FIRE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Kollegal taluk in Coimbatore District has abudant forests and forest areas are in proximity to the villages and town in Kollegal taluk. Yet the present condition of supply of fuel, which is a daily need, for deomestic consumption of the public is anything but satisfactory. The said commodity is not only not available to the public in commensurate with their needs but also priced very high. There is a loud, long and persistent demand by the public with respect to this and early intervention and action by the authorities are prayed. The present cost of the same ranges from 8 to 9 annas per maund; this is much higher than the prices that prevail in the towns for away from the forests. Hence it is submitted that the situation is not only strange in view of the topographical position of the locality but also avoidable.

2. Under these circumstances, I request that remedial measures to ease the situation be ordered very early so that the commodity be easily available and at proper and reasonable prices.

I wish to suggest the following remedies to be effected without loss of time:-

1. The Patta Passes applied for by the ryots to transport fuel from their own patta lands to the forest authorities be issued without loss of time; any delay in the issue will aggravated the situation and the delay in the issue must be viewed seriously. The Range Officers and Forestors in addition to the District Forest Officers may be empowered to issue the same.

2. Four forest Coupes, at various convenient localities, be set apart for the purpose of fuel for domestic consumption for the public of this taluk. The fuel may be cut and stacked departmentally and the public allowed to remove the same - 2 -

both by cartloads and headloads onpayment of prescribed fees. Such a system was prevelant once; this is but a revival of the same obsolete but highly useful method. The forest and revenue authorities, I learn, have recommended a reservation of coupes for such a purpose; so early orders in this direction are prayed.

3. The forest contractors be insisted upon selling a portion of the fuel, to be fixed by the authorities under the circumstances, they remove from the forests to be sold in retail to the public in the town of Kollegal at their depots. This may be made a condition when the coupes are sold in public auction.

4. The above suggestions may be operated simultaneously so that appreciable and effective results be produced.

I request that this communication may be kindly acknowledged and the action proposed in this intimated.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
S.C.Vinupakshiah

31st March 1955

~~Range etc~~
~~The Divisional Forest Officer~~
~~Kollegal~~

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Endt no. 26332 CIV/55-1 dated 5-4-55

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Letter No. 26332 CIV/55-2 dt 15/4/55

To

Sri. S. C. Vishwanathan,
B.A.B.L., M.L.
Mudigundam P.O.
Kollegal
Coimbatore Dt.

CENTRAL DESPATCH BRANCH
Date 15.4.55

Forests – Fuel – Supply to Kollegal taluk – Scarcity and high prices prevailing – Remarks – Request.

Ref: Your letter dt 31-3-55

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter cited

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Note

The draft letter above is submitted to the orders as 'A' at p 2 c/-

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Forest Department

From (Name) Sri S.K. Bassu, I.F.S.,

Designation Chief Conservator of Forests.

Station Madras-5.

Received ——— Registered ———

To

The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture Department,
Madras-9.

Enclosures:

No. Ref.No.10005/55. D.4., dated 10th May 1955.

Sir,

Sub: Supply of Fuel to the public of Kollegal Taluk Scarcity and high prices prevailing Measures Requested:

Ref: Government Endorsement No.26332.C.II/56-1, Agriculture, dated 5th April 1955:

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With reference to the Government Endorsement cited, I submit that Sri S.C. Virupakshiah, M.L.A. submitted a petition similar to the one now referred to in the Government Endorsement cited, to me as early as November 1954. The contents of the two petitions are the same. The earlier petition was examined in this office and a reply given to the petitioner in reference to L.Dis.33817/54.D4.dated 15th December 1954, copy enclosed.

2 The petition contains three suggestions and my remarks on these suggestions are however as follows:--

Suggestion (1): The Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore Circle discussed this matter with the petitioner in August 1952. A number of villagers were present at the discussion. It was decided that the existing practice would continue; but that the Departmental officers would try their best to see that Form II permits are issued or countersigned without undue delay. Every effort is being taken to see that the issue of Form II permits is not delayed.

Suggestion (2) & (3): Steps have since been taken to open up during 1955-56 3 new fuel coupes with a total area of 195 acres to meet the demands of the public in Kollegal Taluk.

3 As regards the area of the fuel coupe to be worked from 1956-57 the Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore Circle has been directed to examine the question in detail and make necessary provisions in the working Plan of Kollegal Division.

I invite the attention of Government in this connection to Chief Conservator's Ref.No.25367/54.D4., dated 13th March 1955.

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For Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Chief Conservator's
Copy of L.Dis.33817/54.D.4., dated 15th December 1954, to
Sri S.C. Virupakshiah, B.A., B.L., M.L.A.

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Sub: Fuel - Supply to Public of Kollegal Taluk - Scarcity - Remedy:

Ref: Your letter dated 17th November 1954:

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Your suggestion regarding the issue of permits was already examined and you were informed that it was decided that the present practice would continue, and that the departmental officer, would try their best to see that Form II Permits are issued or countersigned without undue delay. In this connection I invite your attention to Chief Conservator's L.Dis.No.24473/52.D1, dated 11th January 1953.

2) The suggestions (i) and (ii) regarding the opening of more fuel coupes for domestic consumption are under consideration.

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for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Mks.18/8.

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Memo.No.26332-C.IV/55-5 d/ 28-5-55.

Sub: Forests - Fuel - Kollegal taluk - Supply of - Scarcity and high prices - Representations against.

Ref: From the C.C.F., Ref.No.10005/55-D4, dated 10-5-1955.

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Item (1) on p 1 e f

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It is observed that in the Chief Conservator's ~~let~~ L.Dis.33817/54-D4, dated 15-12-1954, an assurance was given to the M.L.A. that the departmental officers would try their best to see that Form II permits are issued ~~on~~ or countersigned without undue delay. The M.L.A. has however reiterated in his letter of 31-3-1955 the suggestion for the prompt issue of permits for transport of fuel from patta lands to ease the firewood position in Kollegal taluk. The remarks of the C.C.F. on this item is confined to the action taken prior to December 1954. The C.C.F. is therefore requested to ~~report~~ submit complete report expeditiously as to ~~in detail~~ what action has ~~exactly~~ actually been taken for the quick issue of Form II permits for removal of the firewood in Kollegal taluk, and how far it has been effective in easing the fuel situation in the locality.

28-5-55

To the C.C.F.

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Date 28.5.55 Despatcher's Initials.

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FOREST Department

From (Name)
Sri S.K. Bassu, I.F.S.,
Designation
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Station
Madras-5.

Received ____ Registered ____

To
The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture Department,
Madras-9.

Enclosures: Ref. No. 10005-55 D4 I.O. ____, dated 11-8-55. ~~105~~

Sir,

Sub: FORESTS--Fuel --Kollegal Taluk--Supply of-- scarcity and high prices--Representations against.

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Ref: Government Memo No.26332-CIV/55-5 Agriculture dated 28-5-55.

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With reference to the Government Memo. cited I submit that the Conservator, Coimbatore circle has issued a circular to the District Forest Officer, Kollegal and other District Forest Officers instructing them definitely that there should be no avoidable delays in the disposal of application for the issue of form II permits. The Conservator has also prescribed a quarterly return to watch the disposal of the applications. The District Forest Officer, Kollegal in turn has also prescribed a monthly return to be submitted by the Range Officers. In order to avoid unnecessary delays and expenses to the parties the permits have been ordered to be sent by the Range Officers through the Foresters to the concerned parties. The District Forest Officer Kollegal Division has stated that this system is working satisfactorily.

2 In the circumstances stated above, I consider that no further action is necessary in the matter.

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for CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

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Letter No. 26332-E-IV/55-8 dt 30.8.55

To

Sri S. Viruparkshiah, B.A.B.L., M.L.A.,
Mudigundam P.O.
Kollegal,
Coimbatore district.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Fuel - Supply of to Kollegal taluk - Delay in issuing Form II permits - Representation against.

Ref: Your letter dated 31.3.55 to the Minister for Agriculture.

pp 1-2 cf

With reference to the representations contained in your letter cited, I am directed to state that it has been reported that steps have been taken to see that there are no delays in issuing Form II permits and that for this purpose the Range Officers have been instructed to despatch the permits through Foresters with a view to ensure their speedy receipt by the parties concerned.

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I am also to add that this system is reported to be working satisfactorily.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to the C.C.F. with reference to his letter No. 10005/54 Dt. dt 11.8.55.

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p 5 c/f

Sub:- Forests--Fuel--Kollegal Taluk--Supply of-Scarcity and high prices prevailing--Representation.

Ref:- From Sri S.C. Virupakshiah, M.L.A., letter letter dated 31-3-1955.

From the C.C.F. Ref.No.10005/55.D4 dated 10-5-55.

para 1 on p 1 c/f

In his letter on p.p.1-2 c.f addressed to M(A), Sri Virupakshiah M.L.A. has reported that fuel is very scarce in Kollegal taluk and that the price of fuel prevailing there is very high. He has therefore suggested the following remedies:-

para 2 on pp 1 c/f

(1) That Patta passes applied for by ryots for the transport of fuel be issued without delay and that the local officials might be vested with powers to issue the same.

para 2 on pp 1-2 c/f

(2) That orders might be issued for setting apart certain coupes for the purposes of supplying fuel for domestic consumption and that fuel might be cut and stacked departmentally and the public allowed to remove them on payment of prescribed fees.

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(3) The forest contractors might be insisted on selling a specified quantity of fuel in the Kollegal area itself at their own depots.

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para 1 on p 5 c/f

2. The C.C.F. who was referred in the matter has stated that a similar petition from the M.L.A. was received by him previously and that it was examined and a reply was given to him, a copy of which will be found on p.7 c.f. The remarks of the C.C.F. on the representations contained in the present communications are ~~detailed~~ noted on below in the light of the Chief Conservator's remarks.

para 2 on p. 5 c/f

Item (1) on p.1 above:-The C.C.F. has stated that the Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore Circle had discussed the matter with the M.L.A in August 1952 and that it was then agreed to

continue the existing practice. He has also stated that efforts are being made to see that Form II permits are issued without delay.

para 2 on p.1

Item (2) and (3) on p.1 above:- The C.C.F. has stated that steps have since been taken to open 3 additional fuel coupes in 1955-56 with a total area of 196 acres to meet the demands of the public in Kollegal taluk.

para 2 on p.5 ef

3. The C.C.F. has further stated that necessary instructions have been issued to the Conservator, Coimbatore Circle, to examine the question in detail and to make necessary provisions in the Working Plan for Kollegal Division, in regard to the area of fuel coupes to be worked in 1956-57. He has also invited attention to his previous report on the same subject. It may be be stated that the C.C.F. has been asked to report the steps that are being taken to ensure that the firewood from the new coupes actually reaches the villagers to meet their requirements.

para 3 on p.5 ef

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4. In the circumstances stated above it is for orders whether a suitable reply may be given to the M.L.A. on the lines of the C.C.'s reply.

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CCF may/be asked to report what action has actually been taken or is proposed to be taken to ensure prompt issue of Form II Permits. Though the work in reply to the MLA in G.O. No. 1454 that steps were being taken in the regard the MLA has again written to Govt. The CC's report is begun on this point. He may be asked to get ordered a complete report expeditiously.

25/5/58

Agri. (e-IV) Dept

To A.S.

With Reference to orders at 'M' on p.2 above, a draft memo is submitted below for approval:

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Memo No.26332 CIV/55-5 dated 28.5.55 to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

From the C.C.F. Ref.No.10005/55.D4 dated 11-8-1955.

Notes on pp 1-2 above may be perused.

2. With reference to orders at 'M' on p,2 above, the Chief Conservator of Forests was asked to state what action had actually been taken for the quick issue of Form II permits for the removal of firewood from private lands in Kollegal taluk and how far it has been effective in easing the fuel situation in the locality. The C.C.F. has reported in his reference on p.11 c.f. that in order to ensure prompt issue of Form II permits, the Conservator, Coimbatore Circle has issued instructions to the District Forest Officers to see that there are no avoidable and unecessary delays in disposing of applications for Form II permits and that for this purpose, the Form II permits have been ordered to be sent to the parties by the Range Officers, through foresters. He has also stated that it has been reported that this system is working satisfactorily. In the circumstances he considers that no further action is necessary in the matter.

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v has prescribed a Quarterly return to watch the disposal of the applications,

3. It is now for orders whether a suitable reply may be sent to the M.L.A. and he may be

informed that it has been reported that steps have been taken to see that there are no delays in issuing Form II permits by instructing the Range Officers to despatch the permits to the parties concerned through Foresters and that this system is reported to be working satisfactorily

16.8.55 Action is also being taken separately to further simplify the procedure for the distribution of the forms, so as to make it easily available for any person who wishes to take out a Form II Permit.

The M.L.A. may be informed as proposed at 'A' above

16/8/55 S/M(A)

SECRETARY 25 AUG 1955 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

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UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 25 AUG 1955 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Orders above:-

A draft letter is submitted below for approval.

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(Issued as Letter No. 26332. C.W/55-8, dated 30.8.55)